

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

TENTATIVE AGENDA

22nd Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, December 16, 2008

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Hearing Room - 8th Floor

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

- 1. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on December 2, 2008.**
- 2. Discussion re: Advisory Opinion No. 2008-23.**
- 3. Advisory Opinions.**

A. K. Joseph Shekarchi, Esq., a member of the Coastal Resources Management Council (“CRMC”), requests an advisory opinion as to whether he must recuse when NI Ltd. appears before CRMC, given that one of the officer and shareholders of that corporation is also an officer and shareholder of several other entities with which the Petitioner has done business in the past.

B. William L. Bernstein, a Probate Court Judge for the Town of Glocester, requests an advisory opinion as to whether he may simultaneously serve as a Town Solicitor within the same municipality.

C. Shelley Cortese, an Assistant Administrator of Probation and Parole for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, requests an advisory opinion as to whether she may accept part-time employment providing emergency assessment services to patients at the Providence Center of Rhode Island.

D. Daniel Gendron, a member of the Woonsocket Zoning Board of Review, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he may participate in discussion and voting on a petition for a variance brought by CVS Caremark Corporation, given that the Petitioner’s sister is employed as an accounting analyst with CVS Caremark.

E. Diane S. Nobles, Ph.D., Vice Chairperson of the Narragansett School Committee, requests an advisory opinion as to whether she may participate in subcommittee negotiations with the bargaining unit of the Rhode Island chapter of the National Education Association, to negotiate the Narragansett teachers' union contract, given that she is a member of the Professional Staff Association at the Community College of Rhode Island.

F. John L. Tattrie, a Warren Planning Board member, requests an advisory opinion as to whether his business, Tattrie Trucking and Excavating, Inc., can submit a bid to perform services for the Town of Warren, given that his wife is a member of the Warren Town Council.

G. Brian G. Coogan, a newly elected member of the East Providence City Council, requests an advisory opinion as to whether his company, A Towing Inc., may continue to serve on the City of East Providence Tow list, notwithstanding his position as a municipal elected official.

4. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.I.Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4), to wit:

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on December 2, 2008.

b.) William V. Irons v. Rhode Island Ethics Commission, Superior

Court C.A. No. 07-6666

**c.) Jason E. Ferrell v. Frank Caprio, Jr., et al.,
U.S. District Court C.A. No.08-378S**

d.) Motion to return to Open Session.

**5. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on
December 16, 2008.**

6. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

7. Director's Report.

8. New Business.

9. Adjournment.

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